

MR. MILLER: Hello, my name is Casey Miller. I am a civil engineer for Valley Resources Canyon Fuel at SUFCO Mine. Apart from some of these other people here, I don't have the long-term experience, per se, in the coal mining industry, though I am a fourth generation, both sides, coal miner. My initial experience in life did not take me directly into coal mining. I went through construction, agriculture, and on to the college education lifestyle that I thought that I wanted. I went, and during classes, I took courses in energy. We studied energy such as nuclear, such as hydropower, different ways to produce electricity. At the end of the day, what we want is power that is not expensive, that we can produce, that we can be economic and be stable with. We need power that will continue to help us grow, help us be an industrious people. We as not only Utahns, but also as Americans, we thrive on growing, on being better, on doing things the best that we can do. We're not saying that we should go away from all of the natural resources. We have the water, even the nuclear. What we're saying is, allow us to use the coal, use what we have. Coal is not dying because we're running out of coal. We have coal. Coal is a great commodity for us to use here. It's not in the ground to just sit in the ground. It's here to use, it's to help us be better. We haven't talked a whole lot about it, but I believe the BLM would actually benefit from not only using it here but also looking at exporting it. What about using some of our coal, not only locally, but also for the benefit of mankind all over? This resource we have can be used in all aspects of life. As technology advances, we can harvest the energy even more efficiently. We can continue to grow in solar and nuclear and wind, whatever choice we choose, but at the end of the day, coal is stable, we know how to use coal. We can continue to use it as needed. I don't need to go on and say anymore about the economic hardships that happen. It's been beat over quite a bit, but at the end of the day, the only cliff we're walking over is by shutting it down immediately. Why don't we extend it, why don't we move on, why don't we allow the Federal Government to use the resources we have to continue to move forward? Thank you.